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SHAKE-UP FOR INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION

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Mrs Thatcher will announce tomorrow that she has accepted the Franks Committee's suggestion that there should be a shake-up in Whitehall's intelligence machinery.

At the start of the two-day Commons debate on the report, she is expected to reassure MPs that the Joint Intelligence Committee will be reformed, with a full-time chairman. She is not expected to name the new chairman this week.

One of the key criticisms of the Franks report concerned the working of the committee which is chaired by Foreign Office officials and collates and analyses intelligence reports. The report suggested that the new chairman should have "a more critical and independent role."